

Pappas Telecasting Companies has made a 'donation' of \$325,000 of airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas of California. This is worse than the Sinclair fiasco of a week or two ago. Another powerful media group is using the Republican model of abusing its privileges.

When a corporate headquarters decides to provide only one side free local election time, its actions are legally questionable. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas cannot believe it serves the public interest by such behavior. Their action is just the tip of an iceberg of misuse of media. We need to strengthen media public co-ownership rights and rules. Airwaves were not sold only for profit. Obviously we need to change their mind-set thoroughly instead of just doing license

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returned postcard.
Thank you.